

Cooperation between ASEAN-OSHNET and Japan

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ASEAN+3 Policy Dialogue on Occupational Safety and Health Management System (OSHMS)

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BACKGROUND

- ◆ Decrease and prevention of occupational accidents and diseases became a matter of concern among ASEAN+3 countries.
- ◆ C187 and R197 were adopted at International Labour Conference in 2006.
 - C187 Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006
 - R197 Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 2006
 - **C187 and R197 provide a promotional framework for Occupational Safety and Health**
- ◆ Discussion and cooperation among countries on the framework for occupational safety and health were needed.



BACKGROUND

- ◆ OSHMS became one of important issues for ASEAN-OSHNET.
- ◆ It was agreed that ASEAN would give priority to OSH in labor issues and hold a governmental dialogue on OSH policies and OSHMS in ASEAN+3 Labour Ministers Meeting held in May 2006.
- ◆ Based on a proposal by Japanese government, it was agreed to hold a governmental dialogue at ASEAN OSH-NET Meeting in April 2007.



the 1st ASEAN+3 Dialogue on OSHMS Digest of the Conclusions

December, 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- We are convinced that OSHMS can be an effective voluntary tool of enterprises to promote to set out OSH policy by top management, raise awareness of OSH responsibility of enterprises, and decrease risks in work place.
- We confirm that ASEAN Plus Three countries need further cooperation to exchange views and share experiences and expertise of OSHMS periodically, and discuss the possibility to hold the next Dialogue Meeting at the 9th ASEAN OSHNET Coordinating Board Meeting in next year.
- We also note there are significant needs of joint OSHMS seminars and workshops, and joint training programs for practitioners of OSHMS for further possible cooperation.



the 2nd ASEAN+3 Dialogue on OSHMS Digest of the Conclusions

December, 2008, Genting Highlands, Malaysia

- Countries of ASEAN Plus Three put high priority in upgrading the level of occupational safety and health in enterprises including small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and OSHMS would play a more important role to achieve the goal.
- Many SMEs are having difficulty in fulfilling all the requirements of OSHMS due to the limitations on human and financial resources. To tackle the situation, some countries are promoting risk assessment, which is the core element of OSHMS, in advance, and others are introducing simpler version of OSHMS for SMEs. We are convinced that the both approaches are effective as the mechanisms to achieve the total adoption of OSHMS in a gradual manner.



- We are convinced that introducing OSHMS based ILO-OSH 2001, which is the sole international guidelines on OSHMS, is most useful when introducing OSHMS in ASEAN Plus Three countries.
- We agreed that
 - Malaysia would lead the project of developing guidance documents on the implementation of OSHMS in SMEs.
 - The first draft guidance would be circulated within six months from the endorsement at the 10th ASEAN OSHNET coordination Board Meeting (CBM) to be held in 2009.
 - Other ASEAN Plus Three countries would support Malaysia on the development of the guidance documents.
 - A joint workshop to discuss the first draft guidance documents would be held under the auspice of the ASEAN Plus Three Policy Dialogue on OSHMS.



the 3rd ASEAN+3 Dialogue on OSHMS Digest of the Conclusions

February, 2010, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR

- We were separated into two groups, examined and discussed the draft of the guidelines. Both groups made proposals for improvement of the guidelines.
- ASEAN+3 countries give priority to improving OSH in SMEs. OSHMS is an important element to achieve the purpose.
- As it is not obvious how future economic situation turns out, we must consider of making a more feasible program. We realized the necessity of holding joint seminars to spread commentaries on OSHMS for SMEs and training persons who carry out Risk Assessment in SEMs in ASEAN+3 countries.



the 4th ASEAN+3 Dialogue on OSHMS Digest of the Conclusions

February, 2011, Manila, Philippines

- Strengthen ASEAN-OSHNET Plus Three collaboration on implementation of OSH-MS focusing on risk management (hazard identification, risk assessment, risk control) strategies in reducing hazard exposure and preventing work-related injuries and illnesses.
- Develop country-specific guidance notes on OSH-MS using as a reference the “ ASEAN Guidance Note on Occupational Safety and Health Management System for Small and Medium Enterprises.
- Support public-private partnership in responding to OSH issues and problems of small and medium enterprises through voluntary activities to promote the implementation of country-specific guidance notes on OSH-MS.



the Last ASEAN+3 Dialogue on OSHMS

February 29 – March 1, 2012, Singapore

- Presentations and a panel discussion on OSHMS policy and experiences by ILO expert, Japanese expert, and companies in Singapore.
- Introduction of OSHMS activities by ASEAN+3 countries.
- Site visit to companies in Singapore.
- Discussions on the results and outcomes of 5-year OSHMS Policy Dialogue.



International Cooperation through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)



Technical Cooperation in the Field of OSH through JICA

Philippines	Philippine Occupational Safety and Health Center project('88.4~'95.5)
Korea	Korean Worker's Occupational Disease Prevention Project('92.4~'97.4)
Indonesia	The project to Enhance Education and Training of Industrial Safety and Health('95.11~'00.11)
Thailand	The Project on Strengthening of the national Institute for the Improvement of Working Conditions and Environment('97.6~'02.5)
Malaysia	The Capacity Building of Malaysia National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health('00.11~'05.11)
China	The Project for Strengthening of the Capabilities of Safety Production and Scientific Technology('06.10~)
Malaysia	The Project for Improving OSH Administration of the Department of Occupational Safety and Health('07.4~'12.4)
China	The Project on Capacity Building for Occupational Health('11.3~)



Technical Cooperation in the Field of OSH through JICA, cont.

- Currently, one OSH project in China is ongoing.
- Since JICA project is based on a request of a beneficiary country, it is advised to contact JICA office / Embassy of Japan in respective countries and to make a proposal to the Japanese Government if your government is interested in a new technical cooperation project with Japan.



Group Training Course in OSH through JICA (3 courses)

- 1. Seminar on Policy of Industrial Safety and Health**
organized by JISHA (Japan Industrial Safety and Health Association)
- 2. Occupational Disease Prevention and Working Environment Improvement**
organized by JISHA
- 3. Occupational Health and Preventive Medicine for Workers**
organized by University of Occupational and Environmental Health

Please ask JICA office for Guidance Information.



Information on a new group training course starting in 2012

- Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare will start a new group training course “**Measures to introduce OSHMS to SMEs**” in cooperation with JICA, which will be organized by JISHA in 2012.
- The details of the training course are now under preparation.
- We are willing to accept participants from ASEAN countries.
- For further information, please contact JICA office.



Information on a third country training course starting in 2012

- JICA will start a third country **training course to promote OSHMS activities in SMEs** in cooperation with **Malaysia DOSH** as a result of the JICA technical cooperation project.
- For further information, please contact JICA office.



CONCLUSION

Japanese Government will continue to make much of the relationship and cooperation with ASEAN-OSHNET.

THANK YOU!

